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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

The Trump Shall Sound, The Dead In Christ Shall Rise

The Resurrection

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

D. G. Phillips, Akron, O.

The doctrine of the resurrection is one of the fundamentals of the Christian religion and one of its vital points, for without resurrection there can be no hope beyond this life.

The Old Testament prefigures it in sundry cases of persons raised from the dead by prophets divinely led. The New Testament, however, gives the complete revelation of the divine economy. Jesus died and rose again and taught the doctrine with directness and simplicity. His disciples and the apostles elaborating the teaching in many different ways and upon many different occasions.

In the days of Jesus and the apostles they were daily meeting with people who disbelieved their doctrine, but they never faced anything that brought as much contention as the question of the resurrection. The very thought that from dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return, was not what bothered their minds, but the idea that from this dust shall be the resurrection. There were many critics and unbelievers, and they are not all dead yet. We have many today that say they believe in the resurrection. But do we believe it as Jesus and the Apostles taught it and as the old patriarchs and prophets believed it in their day?

What does the Bible say about it? I believe the first witness to examine is Job, that perfect man of God. He had perfect faith in God, believed in a perfect resurrection, though he lived 1520 B. C. He had a firmer belief in the resurrection than many who live today. Job 19:26-27. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another: though my reins be consumed within me. Now Job said after his body was eaten by worms, yet with his eyes he shall look upon God.

The next witness that we would call to verify the same faith as Job is Isaiah 26:19. Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Here the prophet declares that the earth shall cast out the dead. Here the prophet declares that the dead shall arise and that they shall sing for the earth will cast thee out.

The writer of Ecclesiastes in speaking of the end of man, tells us he shall return to dust, that is his body, for in Eccl. 12:7. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. Jesus had often visited the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. But Lazarus died. Jesus was called. Martha met Jesus and told Him of the death of her brother. Jesus says, "He shall live again? She thought He was speaking of the final resurrection and said, 'I know he shall rise again in the resurrection, at the last day.'" But Jesus said, John 11:25, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus came to the grave and with a groan, cried, "Lazarus, come forth." He answered the call and came forth, the same hands that went into the grave, the same feet, still bound, the same face, in fact the same Lazarus. Those doubting Jews knew he was dead. They knew it was he after he was resurrected. Why? Because it was that same person, or body that was put in there.

Jesus hung upon the cruel cross of Calvary, bled and died, was taken from there, and placed in Joseph's tomb. But the third day He broke the prison bars, snatched the keys of death, and came forth as the first fruits of the resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:13-17. But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Now we are fac-

143 Saved, 42 Baptized With Holy Ghost

DILLON, S. C.—A wonderful meeting closed at Dillon. The Lord blessed all the way thru. I never have seen the Lord work so wonderfully as He did in this meeting. One hundred and forty-three were saved, sixty-seven sanctified, forty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and forty-six added to the church. Well glory! Part of the time we did not get to preach. Seventeen were saved in one service. At the first song people began to fall in the altar and get saved. This revival started in Brother Parker's home just at prayer meeting. Two preachers came into the church. I believe they will prove a blessing to (Please Look On Page Three)



IT'S SPRINGTIME

"All hail this joyous Springtime morn,
When earth arises newly born.
The daffodil has left the mold
To praise the Lord with lips of gold,
The butterfly its coffin rends
And to the sunlit sky ascends;
And every bush and tree and clod
Uplifts an offering to God." —Sel.



The Lord Blessed In District Convention

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala. — It was wonderful how the Lord blessed in our district meeting. There were only a few gathered out on Saturday but we had a good sermon by our State Overseer. Saturday afternoon the good brothers and sisters from Clanton and Cullman, Ala. began to arrive. Others came from all over the district. We enjoyed the singing, prayers, testimonies, and sermon. There was great unity. After making arrangements for a place for the visiting people, we had good handshakes and parted for the night.

The sun was shining beautifully Sunday morning. Service began with congregational singing and concert prayer. We also had some special singing by Bro. Abbet and his little girl. Bro. Whit Denson had charge of the congregational singing. Our State Overseer brought us another wonderful message. He said so many good things until we will not begin to mention them but it surely was enjoyed by all. Dinner was spread and enjoyed by all present. We met again in the afternoon and opened with singing. Brother Abbet and little girl sang for us. Every church in the district sang a song. We had prayer and then all joined in praising the Lord together. That night we had a real good service. Brother Jones brought the message.

Pray for Pine Grove church that it might stand true and prosper. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pearson



Christ Is Risen

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor 15:20

M. W. Letsinger

The hope of the resurrection has been an inspiration to God's people all down thru the ages. When God passed sentence upon man that he should die, He had already prepared a plan by which man could live again beyond the first death. He did not cut man off and leave him without hope, but outlined a way by which he could live on. All conditions depended upon the shedding of the blood of the Lamb of God which is Christ the Lord.

Death is a dreadful thing and is an enemy that comes to all by sin, but

thanks be to God who giveth us the victory thru Christ our Lord. It is true that all the holy men of old had a hope of a resurrection and it was by faith in the promises of God that a Deliverer would come. They looked forward to the fulfillment of prophecy and by faith embraced Him and received to themselves the wonderful hope of the resurrection from the dead.

When Job was so terribly afflicted that life was bitter to him, he looked to the future and exclaimed, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth! and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." There is no doubt but that Job really desired death, yet in the midst of it he looked by faith down thru the ages of time and got a glimpse of his Redeemer, after disease and even death were conquered, Job really rejoiced in the great hope of the resurrection by Jesus the Redeemer.

Looking For a Great Revival In Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — To the Churches of God, greeting in Jesus' name. We are praising the Lord for real victory in Knoxville. The Lord blessed our souls real good at our Saturday night prayer meeting and all seemed to be burdened for lost souls. On Sunday night following the Lord gave Brother Childers a message from Glory and at the end of his message the Lord put the weight of lost souls on him. A message was given and the interpretation, warning some lost souls, someone probably their last time, and about thirty fell in the altar. Two were sanctified and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in other tongues. The Lord surely did bless all His saints. They praised the Lord in the dance and in many ways they never did before, and we did rejoice with the angels in heaven. The Lord surely is working in Knoxville and all seem to be getting closer to the Lord and we are sure He is going to give us the greatest revival we have ever had here.

Our young people are working hard and the older ones and the children too. We all love our pastor and his family. Surely the Lord sent him here. If any of those who read this will visit our Y. P. E. the last Friday night in any month, you will think we are proving our love for our pastor, by our work.

We also praise the Lord for sending dear Sister Harrison here. She is surely doing a good work among the young people, and as for myself, I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and on the run for Glory. Pray much for the church at this place.—B. W. Winstead, 1416 North Sixth St.

When Jesus came, He came in an unexpected way and manner. His followers who had accepted Him to be the Messiah were expecting Him to set up His kingdom and reign as a mighty king. When He was crucified and buried, His disciples were greatly discouraged, but when He came forth from the dead they were quite sure that He would set up His kingdom and reign at that time. So the disciples ventured to ask Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

While Jesus had told them many things about His plans for those who had and would yet believe in Him, yet they could not grasp the real meaning. But they did understand that He that was once dead was alive. They knew Jesus had been put to death. They possibly knew that the tomb had been sealed and the guards placed around it to see that no one entered to steal the body of Jesus. But on the third day as He had told them an angel came down and the guards were so frightened that they became as dead men.

Then Jesus appeared to His disciples at intervals for several days, instructing them about His going away and their receiving the Comforter whom He would send unto them. He told them to occupy until He returned and made them understand that if He went away that He would come again and receive them unto Himself.

The disciples were expecting Him to soon return, but when they met death at the hands of their enemies they were brave and fearless because they knew that Jesus had come forth from the dead. They had no fears but that they will also come forth and conquer as He overcame and conquered.

After Paul had suffered many things of the Jews, he was arguing with some who were of the sect of the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, and said: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

As I view the Scriptures, there are two resurrections, the first of the just and the second of the unjust. There are three distinct periods of the first resurrection, or that of the people of God. First, the resurrection of Christ and those who rose with Him. Second, those who are raised at the time Paul refers to at 1 Thess. 4:15-17. Third, the tribulation saints of Rev. 20:4-6. Here the Revelation says, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection.

It will surely mean much to have part in the first resurrection. Then we should put away all strife and contentions and all things that have a tendency to separate and divide the people of God and receive with meekness the Word of God which is able to save our souls and press to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus that we may know Him in the power of His resurrection.

AN EASTER STORY

By L. M. Durham.

A Sabbath day had come and gone,
O'er old Judea's heights,
A day so strictly looked upon
By Jews and Proselytes.
A day on which they all gave heed
To do no work therein;
For to perform a trifling deed,
Was counted a great sin.

But to a little earnest band,
It was a day of grief;
For none could lend a helping hand,
Or give their woes relief,
For foes had taken their Master dear,
He cruelly was slain
Their earnest hopes were turned to fear;
Their hearts were filled with pain.

For while He was among them still,
He said He was a King;
Which made each heart with longing fill,
That He good times would bring;
But now their fondest hopes were rent,
He was betrayed and killed;
And to their feelings they gave vent,
Their hearts with grief were filled

A sad night passed, and morning came
Two women went their way,
Each with sad eyes and stricken frame,
To where the body lay.
'Twas their intent Him to embalm,
As He lay in the tomb;
'Twas for this purpose they had come,
With spices and perfume.

Meanwhile an angel rolled the stone
From the sepulcher's door;
His face like brightest lightning shone,
And snow white robes he wore.
The keepers shook for fear of him,
And like dead men were strewn,
While in the early morning dim,
He sat upon the stone.

Then he unto the women said,
'Fear not. Ye seek the Lord;
But He has risen from the dead,
According to His Word.
Why seek ye Him among the dead?
He is not here, you see.
Tell His disciples that He said
To go to Galilee.

"And ye shall see Him there, for Lo!
I've told you this to-day"
I've told you with fear and joy did go
So quickly on their way.
And as they went they met the Lord,
Who sweetly said, "All hail."
They worshipped Him with one accord,
Then went and told their tale.

How Jesus had arisen indeed,
And met them on their way,
And sent them word to all take heed,
And go where He did say.
They went and saw Him there, and He
Gave them this last command
To go and teach, and He would be
With them unto the end.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

If we fail to get your state convention or camp meeting properly advertised, let us know and we will get it in the Evangel for you.

We anoint and pray over handkerchiefs most every day and send to those who are sick and many of them write back and tell us they are healed. This is very comforting to know the Lord is with us to save, cleanse, and fill with the Holy Ghost and to heal those who come to Him by faith.

Where the full Gospel is preached it is to be accompanied by the presence of the Holy Spirit to convict, save, sanctify, and fill. Also He will manifest Himself in marvelous ways. The sick will be healed, demons cast out, men and women will rejoice and speak with tongues. Jesus said He would manifest Himself to us as He does not unto the world. Then we should expect it and not be satisfied to come short in any way.

We are very sorry to announce that our supply of Sunday School literature for the second quarter, except a few picture cards for the children, is exhausted. We were quite sure we had plenty but the schools have grown and multiplied until it is all gone. We will make more for next quarter and try to have plenty for all.

Don't fail to get one of the books, Life Sketch and Sermons of F. J. Lee, compiled by his widow. Some are writing and telling us of the great good it has done them. I know that you will be greatly pleased with it. Every Christian should have one in his home. The price has been reduced to one dollar each.

The Bible Training School came to a close April 10. They gave two nights of real Bible entertainment. The folks came from several states and all seemed greatly pleased and well paid for their trip.

Brother J. H. Walker was selected by the School Board to serve as superintendent for the ensuing year. Brother Walker has been the assistant teacher for several years and we predict success for him.

The school has been increasing from year to year and we see no reason why it should not continue to grow. This is truly a good place for Christian workers to prepare themselves for more efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

Springtime is here and the revival season is on. Let us do your advertising for you. We will be glad to make your circulars, envelopes, coin cards, also letterheads, and window cards, or reports for your offerings, and any printing that you may need. It does not pay you to have less than 500 of each made.

Come on, friends, and patronize the church with your job printing.

You will notice we have a Mission Department in the Evangel now. We hope that all will become interested in the mission work and support it with your prayers and means. This department was granted by request of the Mission Board. All missionaries or anyone having articles, testimonies, or reports for this department send them to E. L. Simmons, Mission Secretary, Christopher, Ill.

Since we gave the last report Carrie Kalb has sent fifteen subscriptions to the Evangel; L. T. Langston, nine; R. E. Shaw, six; J. W. Culpepper, six; W. Frank Smith, six; J. T. Willis, five; Pauline Jackson, five; J. A. Muncy, four; H. L. Whittington, four; John J. Douglas, four; T. L. Little, four; and Mrs. Mae Wright, four. Quite a few have sent a club of three. In all we have received in the past two weeks 161 yearly subscriptions. We are thankful to each one that helped in any way and believe the Lord will bless you. Watch for the names

NOTICES & SPECIALS

I would like to hear from these members at Albright's Chapel: William Ramey, Lillie May, Maggie Cargil, and Ada "Wiggins" Bass.—Iva Moore, clerk, Brother James Hall, pastor, Crockett, Texas.

I want to know if anyone knows a woman by the name of Lennie Stroud. She was Lennie Jeffery before marriage. Her father lives near Boaz, Ala. His name is Mr. Boyde Jeffery. If anyone knows her or where she is, please write me at once. She gave me her baby. The little girl said she wanted to see her own mother. If anyone can find her let me hear from you at once. My address is Rt. 1, Box 70, Wedowee, Ala.—M. A. Crider.

The Dillon, S. C. District meeting will convene May 1, 2, 3. This will include Dillon, Bunker Hill, McColl, Ruby and Marion, S. C. We are expecting Brother W. E. Raney, our State Overseer. Everybody is invited to this great feast. Pray for us and come and be with us in this meeting.—Your brother, J. W. Heaton, District pastor, Dillon, S. C.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Hester King, please let us know. She was transferred to the Church of God at Ridgeway, Ill. from Eldorado, Ill. August 9, 1924. She went to Missouri the next week and we have never heard from her since. If anyone can give us information, I would be glad.—Tom Tyree, clerk and Treas., Box 163, Ridgeway, Ill.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Brother Grady Alford and his mother. I would like to know their address.—Brother J. C. Cox, Gen. Del., Hudson, Fla.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE C. of G. Y. P. E. OF FLORIDA

Owing to the fact that I have been unable to visit the churches throughout the state in behalf of the C. of G. Y. P. E. due to the responsibility of the Orlando District placed on me, we have asked Brother Ralph Tedder, 1st Asst. Superintendent, who is just out of Bible School, to visit the churches and work up a greater interest among the young people of Florida.

We are asking the pastors of the different churches to help him in arranging services at your place, also see that an offering is taken for his traveling expenses.

Now the camp meeting will soon be here and we would like to have a representative from every church in person or by letter, in behalf of the C. of G. Y. P. E. on the day given to the young people. It will be impossible for each Endeavor to have a program as all of each Endeavor will not be there, but we want them represented. We thank the State Overseer for this day given to the interest of our young people, the young people conducting services, directing the singing, music and preaching. Altar workers, yes, plenty of them. If you are in need of victory, energy, enthusiasm, C. of G. Y. P. E. interest and activity, be present on that day. We ask the churches everywhere to pray a special prayer for our young people. We need them. God needs them, and the world needs young people so full of God until they can shout the walls of unbelief, infidelity, in-fidelity down and take it for God.

Come on, young people, let's check up that which is lacking and make the C. of G. Y. P. E. a success in Florida. Pastors, take a greater interest in your young people and help them to be a blessing to you and your church. Yours for the Endeavor, P. W. Chessier, State Supt., 13 S. Parramore, St., Orlando, Fla.

In reply to the request made by Brother P. W. Chessier, superintendent, asking me to visit the churches and work up interest among the young people, I will begin this work just as soon as possible. I will do my best to visit all the churches before the June camp meeting. I request that all churches who haven't organized to be preparing to do so as I want to organize where it is needed. If you haven't a Constitution and By-laws, write to the Secretary and get them at once. I'll do my best to explain the purpose of the Endeavor and help you all I can. I ask each pastor to assist me in arranging appointments at his church.—Ralph Tedder.

The Cleveland District convention will convene at the Church of God Auditorium, Cleveland, Tenn., April 23-27, inclusive. On Sunday, the 27th, there will be all day services and dinner on the ground. In the afternoon the Lord's Supper and feet washing will be observed. Everybody come and enjoy this feast of good things with us. We would like for each church in the district to be well represented.—George Lemons, District Overseer, H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer.

My address is changed from R.F.D. 2, Box 58, Washington, N. C. to R.F.D. 2, Lillington, N. C. Anyone desiring to have me pray for them or to anoint a

of those who send us as many as four or more at one time. May the Lord bless and encourage each worker.

handkerchief, may address me as above.

I am also district pastor of Durham District and if I can be of any service, let me know. We want to encourage and help the saints and get work started in new fields. If there are any places open so we can hold prayer meetings in homes or in any way get the Word of God spread over this district, I will appreciate your aid and assistance in any way. Just write me your wants. Pray for God to bless every effort we make for His cause.—Your humble brother, T. L. Little.

I wish to announce to our brothers and sisters of the colored work of Mississippi that I was appointed overseer of the state by the general convention which convened March 24-30, 1930 at Jacksonville, Fla. under the leadership of the General Overseer of colored work, J. H. Curry. I ask the saints everywhere to pray for our success. If there be any evangelists anywhere that would like to come to this state, come over into Macedonia and help us, Acts 16:9. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matt. 9:37,38. We are looking for our General Overseer of colored work, J. H. Curry, to assist this Summer if the Lord is willing. Address all letters to A. R. Richards, Box 112, Rome, Miss.

We would like to have a young girl with salvation come live us as one of the family. She must dress as become holiness and conform to the rules of a holiness home. Write A. B. Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

REQUESTS

There are no church of God or any members here. I never get to hear a sermon. Pray for my unsaved loved ones to be saved. Pray for me.—A sister, Mrs. C. W. Lynch, Rt. 3, Winder, Ga.

I want all who read this to please pray for my mother. She has the flu. Pray for me and my family, we all have colds and something like the flu. Pray that my husband and I will receive all that God has for us. We both are saved. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Your sister, Mrs. Ray M. Morgan, Rainbow Spgs., N. C.

I have two little children, one seven and the other five years of age. The youngest has lost its hearing and speech and the other one is losing her hearing. My health is bad. Pray for us. Pray that my strength in God may get stronger. Pray for my unsaved husband that God may show him where he is going and that he may get close to God. My heart's desire is that God's healing power will flow over my home and that I may be on fire for Him. I know God can do all things if we trust Him. I haven't heard but two sermons in a year.—Bell Sikes, Subiaco, Ark.

Dear saints, pray for me. I have had the Holy Ghost twice but backslid. I feel as though it were my last chance. I want the saints of God everywhere to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my whole family who loves the Church of God.—Mrs. Flora Carven, 11 St. S. W., Box 163, Largo, Fla.

I ask all who read this to pray a special prayer for the healing of my side and back that I may be able to go out and be what God would have me be. Everybody who knows the worth of prayer pray for husband and me to be more humble before the Lord and that we may bring our four little children up in a way that will be pleasing to God.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Nancy Taylor, Patterson, Ga.

Please pray for me. I have been afflicted for four years. Pray for the Lord to give me more strength and more faith, also that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my friend, Mrs. Mitchell. She has heart dropsy.—Mrs. Kate Fink, Equality, Ill.

I ask all who read this to please fast one meal for me that the Lord will heal me. I want to be a worker for Him.—Mrs. Cleo Parker.

I ask all who read this to pray for my body. I have been suffering quite a while with my body. I have got to the place where it takes all I can do to go. I do not know what the trouble is but I know He is my healer. Pray a special prayer for me that God will completely heal me. I have three little children who need my care. Also pray that God will bless us with a way to go to church. We don't get to go very often. Pray for us.—Mrs. M. Hardy, Myakka City, Fla.

I am away down in the lost sections of South Texas, but saved by the blood and acquainted with the dear Church of God. I am looking forward to the time when we can really array in battle with the great giant of sin

as David with Goliath, although I feel very weak in faith since having lost my baby boy a few days ago. I ask a special prayer by all who feel the worth and need of holding up the poor and weak in spirit.

My mother is also sick. She has been sick for thirty years and almost died at different times. Please press through the throng and touch the hem of His garment for her.—Yours in the name of Jesus, E. E. Malone, Woodboro, Texas.

Please pray that God will heal my leg. I have suffered with broken veins for three months. It is almost black from my knee to my toes. Pray that God will heal it. I know He can for He has healed my body for nine years.—Mrs. Ed. Bradley, Nocatee, Fla.

I ask the saints and Brother Rouse to pray a special prayer for my daughter. She has spells with her heart. She is very weak. Some say she was gassed in a closed car.—Your sister, Mrs. Mary Powers, Brunswick, N. C.

Please pray for my boy who is in sin also for the healing of his body.—Rene Tipton, Twila, Ky.

We are now in a revival at East St. Louis, Ill. It is truly wonderful how the Lord is blessing and the power of God is being manifested. Both old and young are weeping their way thru to the Lamb of God, getting sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We request an interest in your prayers for this meeting and this place. There is no Church of God here but we are expecting one to be set in order right away.—Your brother in Christ, Ross Glover.

Please pray for the healing of my body as I am so weak and suffer such horrible pain most all the time. I have some kind of lung trouble and have been shut in all winter. I have not had the privilege to go to church since Christmas. I enjoy going to church and being with the children of God but I get so lonesome here and meeting no one only as they come to see me. I am a child of God and a member of His church and would like to live on here for a while yet to be a help in some way to others if it is the dear Lord's will. If not, all pray that I can say, Lord, not my will but thine be done.—Your brother in Christ, David Green, Somerset, Pa.

Saints everywhere please pray for a revival at Cogdell, Ga. If anyone feels led this way, please come.—L. S. Williams.

A Hard Struggle But The Light Is Shining Through

SALOMA, Ky. — I praise the Lord for old time salvation that keeps us day by day. I feel more like traveling on as the reward is at the end of this Christian race. I started in this holy way about two years ago, but it doesn't seem that long to me. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost May 5, 1928. I gave up my job on the railroad for the Lord and came to Saloma, a new field where holiness had not been heard of but very little, to work for Jesus. Being so young in the way and coming to a new field is hard but my God has all power.

Last Fall I asked the trustees for the schoolhouse to have meeting in. He said he had a tent that we could have but when the time came for us to use it he wouldn't let us have it. I prayed for God to help us as it seemed that everyone was against us. I was awakened one morning by the sound of a voice saying, if you will be with me I will be with you. I believe it was the Lord that spoke to me.

Brother J. A. Muncy and Brother Johnnie Sparks of Ravenna, Ky. came to help us. They held a few nights' meeting in the yard at my home. This got the people to reading their Bibles to see if the Church of God and Holiness were right. A few weeks later Sister Mabel Hatcher from Williamsburg, Ky. was passing by and stopped off to be in a night's service. During the two nights' service, one was saved. She told me to get a place and she would come and help us in a revival. We got the schoolhouse and had a three weeks' revival. Several were saved and three sanctified. We got the devil mad as little Saloma was having a meeting that she never had before.

After closing the meeting, a month or two later we asked for it again but they refused our admittance. Thank God, it matters not anyway for we are having good cottage prayer meetings just the same. We are trying to build a church house. We have bought a lot and the framing has been given for it. We want to start building by the first of the month if it is the Lord's will. We believe we are in the Lord's will and we believe we can have a Church of God here that will be a lighthouse to this lost world.

Sister Mabel Hatcher is with us. She went home and the Lord afflicted her body so she had to obey the Lord and come back to help us get the work established. She said she didn't want to leave until we got a church. Pray for me to be ever found faithful in working for King Jesus. — Yours for lost souls, Conner Bryant.

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This Is a Day When Saints of God Should Be Wide Awake

Annie Frost, Detroit, Mich.
As I look into God's Holy Writ and compare it with the lives of the saints of God, it seems that some are asleep spiritually and naturally. We can sleep and slumber until we become weak and don't have enough energy for work, and if we keep this up very long some will have to call a physician and take a medical treatment before they can gain the blood they have lost. Then they will say, I'm feeling a little better now. Isa. 52 says, Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion. Put on the beautiful garment. Did you ever feel like dressing up while sleepy and sluggish? Some don't care whether they are half dressed or not just so their names are on the Church of God roll. They don't care whether they are neat and clean or not. I'll say right here that some of our preachers have caught this yawning, sleepy disease. I can't tell which caught the disease first, the laymembers or their pastor. I've heard it said many times that it was easy for a family of children to take a disease from the father. So a church is usually what the pastor makes it. I can most always know who a pastor is when I go to his church and see the way his members are dressed and the way they carry on, and I can tell whether they are being fed on the proper food or not. If they have, they will be like stall fed calves. Of course we know if the food that is fed them is too strong they soon get sick and fall out and he is not worried with them any longer, but listen, before we go further, some pastors are not interested enough in their flocks to go salt them once a week. And the flock gets so anxious to eat, drink, run, jump and bleat (testify) that they will come down to the little church on Wednesday and Saturday nights, probably a dozen outsiders standing around. Then after a while some one will say, who carries the key? Some poor old brother or sister, feeling embarrassed to tell, at last will say, Our pastor has the key. I don't know why he has not come. Then some outsiders will say, He isn't sick, I don't think. I saw him and his family riding around up town today. Then all the good hopes and confidence they had built up in him are cramped out. Anyway someone in the crowd has some kind of key that will unlock the door and they go in feeling discouraged. They get down on their knees and pray a while and ask God to bless their pastor and help him to be loyal. The next thing, some poor old brother or sister who has worked hard all day to get thru that they may come to service, will pick up a little faith and shout out, Let's sing, "There'll Come a Glad Day After While." I'm made to wonder if Jesus were to come at that hour if the pastor would not be at home asleep and fail to hear the midnight cry. Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. I believe he would be having a nightmare or dreaming that some evil beast was about to devour him.

Now the pastor says, They won't pay their tithes and help me out and I don't care much to go preach for

The Lord Has Given Me Grace

ELORADO, Ill. — Dear readers, greetings. As we have been deprived of being in service, on account of my health, we take this means of telling how we love the Lord and how He has blessed me during my long illness which has been over two years. We have not been confined to the bed all this time but have suffered a great deal all the way thru. I do not understand why the Lord has not healed me but He has always blessed when the folks would pray for me. I am perfectly resigned to the Lord's will. I have been awaiting death for months yet would be glad to get well again and be able to go and tell about the wonderful works of Jesus. I want to mention the kindness of the saints of God and the many favors shown me during my illness. Our former pastor, Brother Thomas, and wife who now live in Benton, were so faithful to visit me and pray for me, and still they come back to see me. Also our present pastor, Brother Jernigan, and wife are so attentive to visit and pray for me. Space will not permit me to mention all the good saints and ministers who have prayed and comforted me so much.

We want to say a word to the unsaved and to those who have turned away from God, dear ones, life is only a vapor and death is sure to overtake us so don't neglect your soul salvation for it is so sweet to trust in Jesus, especially in the trying hours, right in the valley and shadow of death. He has been with and given me grace to shout the victory right on through. I ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people, if it is the Lord's will to heal me and if not, I can say, all is well. May the Lord bless all of you is my prayer.—Mrs. Della Curry.

them or give them a good salted meal, but he will go on over to the church. The saints are all glad to see him. He will greet some of the best tithe-payers gladly and to others who don't make much and don't have much to pay he will say in a careless way, How are you tonight? I believe if a man is really called of God and sent by the power of the Holy Ghost and stands on the apostles' doctrine in every way, uncompromisingly, not taking a little medicine and doing one little thing and another to hinder, I say that God will give him all he needs. That is the faith I have in God and I pray that it will weigh out ninety per cent. I pray God to help every pastor in the Church of God to wake up to the fact that people are at ease in Zion and forsaking the assembling of themselves together, and more, it seems, as we see the day approaching for we surely are entering into tribulations. There never was a time when there was as great distress as today, and people gathered together in valleys of decision don't know what to do. People in small cities think it serious, but much more in large cities where you can see thousands of unemployed people on the streets. I think the saints of God should get out of slumbering. By the help of God I mean to not be asleep and ignorant of the time and season in which the Son of man cometh.

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LETTERS OF INTEREST OF THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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VESSELS OF THE LORD

Wm. E. Brown, Marietta, Ohio
"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." Acts 9:15.

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:21.

When we speak of a vessel you quickly think of a ship, but in this short article we confine the vessel to a receptacle. In most cases a vessel receives and gives, such as a pitcher which is filled then emptied into glasses for several persons. We are vessels of the Lord.

In the first Scripture reference, God is talking to Ananias concerning Paul or Saul of Tarsus. He who had been a despiser and persecutor of the disciples of Christ had met Christ and had been chosen of Him to be a vessel to bear His name before the Gentiles, kings, and Hebrews. Through Paul's zeal, courage, and faithfulness to his religion, Jesus saw in him an ardent disciple and preacher. We have only to read the Acts and Pauline Epistles to behold the passionate love for the once sincere Pharisee, Paul, had for his beloved Master. Later Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks

of the Lord Jesus."

Now there are many kinds of vessels, each kind for a purpose. Paul tells us in a great house there are vessels of gold, silver, wood, and of earth. We are vessels of God in a great house (Church of God), maybe not a golden vessel, i. e. chosen to be a bishop—or a silver vessel, but a vessel for a purpose and no one else can fill our place in the Great House. Jesus said to the twelve, "Preach the kingdom of heaven, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely ye have received, freely give." Give what? That ye have received. If we have received God's love, mercy, kindness, Holy Spirit, and a message to man, then give it. But we cannot give something we have not received.

Paul told Timothy, if a man purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use. These, in the above verses, refers to some things which hinder the Gospel. You may read the chapter as we have not space to refer to these. Remember we are vessels for the Master's use. Like the water pots at the marriage in Cana, let Jesus fill us to the brim with His Spirit, love, and power to the salvation of sinners, for the edifying of the body of Christ. How beautiful are the feet, how noble the lives of those who consecrate their all to the Master which means being a servant of all. The reward is waiting. What shall it be?

The Resurrection

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John all are dealing with the same subject, the resurrection. They speak of it as the body, as various parts of the body are named. Now the great question arises as in 1 Cor. 15:35, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? God in the beginning spoke this world into existence and made all of its inhabitants without the aid of man. I could not think of God as not being able to resurrect these bodies. It will be by the power of God. Now with what body do they come? I see a little repulsive worm hanging to the under side of a leaf. It falls off and buries itself in the ground. In due time it comes forth a beautiful butterfly. What is this? This is evolution, or transformation, not resurrection. This is changing from one form to another. Again I see a grain of corn fall into the ground and die. It comes forth a blade, then the stalk, then the full ear. Is this evolution? No. This is germination. But we will not come forth by the germination process, but by the power of God. In 1 Cor. 15:51 Paul declares this to be a mystery as he tells how this body will be laid away a corruptible body but will raise incorruptible. We shall lay aside this mortal and take upon us the immortality. Then will be brought to pass the saying, "Death is swallowed up in victory, O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

What is in the grave? The body. What will come out? The body. What is corruptible? The body. What is mortal? The body. What can resurrect? The body.

When shall this take place and who shall be resurrected? Jesus said in John 5:28-29, Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Paul affirmed the very statement of Jesus, and when he was brought before the council said in Acts 24:14-15, But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing ALL THINGS which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. In Paul's day the doctrine of the resurrection was considered heresy, but there are some yet, who like Paul, believe all things written in God's great Book. Jesus and Paul both speak of the body as this is all that is in the grave. The part of the work of redemption is not perfected in this life but awaits the future. Should anyone insist that the work of redemption is accomplished in the body of man in this life, he would do well to ask himself the question, Whether or not this body is exempt from pain, sickness, and death. If not redemption's work is not yet wrought in that body. The apostle makes this plain in the following text: Rom. 8:23, Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Here the apostles, who had doubtless attained to all of the privileges of redemption possible in this life, testified that "even we ourselves" are awaiting the time to come for the redemption of the body, which can only take place by the resurrection.

Man's body will be fully redeemed and made as free from sickness, pain,

and dissolution when redemption has wrought its work in it as though it had never known sin. This achievement for man has been won through the resurrection of Christ, offering to man the resurrection of the body. That work is expressed by Paul in the words, "We shall all be changed." 1 Cor. 15:51.

God, in speaking to Ezekiel concerning the spiritual restoration of Israel, gave us one of the most complete descriptions of the resurrection that there is in the Bible. The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, and caused me to pass by them around about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your grave, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord. Ezekiel 37:1-14.

143 Saved, 42 Baptized With Holy Ghost
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the church. Cotton mill people, town people, and country people were saved in this meeting. Tongue cannot express how the Lord did bless. People drove for miles and received the Holy Ghost.

We are glad of our work over here. The people here are surely standing by us in every way. We are doing nothing but preaching holiness and trying to live what we preach. Thank the Lord!—Your brother, J. W. Heaton, District Pastor of Dillon Dist., Rt. 2.

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PRAYER

Christ said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and prayer has been the innermost thought of my heart for some time so I feel led to write a few words on this subject. Every day I see and feel the need of more and more earnest prayer in my own life as well as the lives of those around me.

First let me ask, What is prayer? Someone has said, "Prayer is the sincere desire of the soul, either expressed or unexpressed." So we see prayer is not necessarily an elaborate oration nor a continuation of well formed sentences nor "vain repetitions."

Next we say, Why should we pray? (1) Because it is Christ's commandment. Matt. 26:41. He says, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." If we could only pray more and keep our minds in an attitude of prayer, we would have less chance for evil thoughts to creep in. (2) Pray for strength. Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Psalms 138:3, "In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul." (3) Fervently, James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We notice that it is the fervent prayer of a righteous man, and not an ungodly man which availeth much, so how careful ought we to live that our prayers may avail much.

When should we pray? David said, "Evening, and morning, and at noon will I cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice." At 1 Thess. 5:17 we see that Paul said, "Pray without ceasing." Now that doesn't necessarily mean to spend twenty-four hours of every day on our knees, nor to be continually praying in our audible voice, but to have a prayer in our hearts. The most effective way to put Satan behind us is to have a prayer in our hearts. If someone speaks unkind to you or mistreats you, get in connection with Heaven via silent prayer and you will be surprised how easy it is to speak sweetly and gently or to do a kind deed in return for an unkind one. If you are sad and discouraged and the sun seems to be behind a cloud, whisper a word to our loving Father and look up and see how bright the sun is shining thru. If you've reached the place where the road forks and you know not which way to go, ask the One who knows and He will make your pathway clear. Jesus said, "men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Where should we pray? In Matt. 6:6 Jesus said to His disciples, "When thou prayest enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." The hypocrites, He said, love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets that they might be seen of men. But if we are in earnest, we are only interested in knowing that God sees us and hears our prayers. Our surroundings mean little to us when we are in real communication with God.

For what should we pray? (1) For what we desire. Mark 11:24. We find in Jesus' words, "What things soever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." (2) For one another. James says in the fifth chapter and sixteenth verse, "Pray one for another that ye may be healed." In Gal. 6:2 we find, "Bear ye one another's burdens." What better way to bear them than to take them to the Lord and cast them on Him! (3) Pray for our enemies. In Matt. 5:44 Jesus commands a prayer that might be hard for some. He says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." What a wonderful feeling when we are able to do that. (4) For sinners. We should feel toward sinners as Paul felt toward Israel when he said, "Brethren my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." Rom. 10:1. Oh, that more of us would pray thus. Saints, let's stir ourselves and awake from our spiritual sleep and get the burden of lost souls on our hearts. How awful to think that every day many all around us are dropping into hell. Every way we look we see the horrible results of sin, and such plain fulfillment of the Scriptures. We can truly say the harvest is white and the PRAYERS are few. Let us realize that now is the day of salvation and we have not a moment to lose. Pray!

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The Young People Are Interested

E. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I wish to say just a few words about the C. of G. Y. P. E. We met here at the church with Sister Harrison three weeks ago for the purpose of organizing our young people, and did so, with forty-four enrolled. Since that time I think they have about sixty in all. I surely am pleased with the way the young people are moving out here, and they seem to have so much interest in the work themselves.

If there is a church in Tennessee that has not yet been organized, you will do well in getting Sister Harrison to come to you as soon as possible.

HELP

D. H. Delk

Dear Evangel readers, as I see so many people these days needing help I feel led to write a few words on this subject.

In Acts 16:9 Paul has a vision of a man of Macedonia saying, Come over and help us. No doubt they needed help badly in Macedonia. We want to talk first of our own country. We have thousands of people in this United States of ours. I want to bring it down closer to us yet, I say there are thousands in the Church of God who need help and need help badly.

First, we will say the great Church of God needs help, help in a financial way. Let's not hold anything back that would help the Church. It needs help, our prayers will help. We cannot be everywhere, but let us see how much we can help in our local church.

We can help the preacher. Help him by praying for him. Help him by paying our tithes. Help him by giving him an offering when we can. We can help him preach. Now we do not have to go in the pulpit with him to preach but if we will sit down and be very attentive it will help the preacher I am sure. I never saw a time when people, even church members, were so hard to keep from whispering and talking to one another right under the preacher's nose almost. We can help the preacher by saying, Amen, once in a while. Another thing I notice these days, people, yes our church members, can hardly stay awake long enough for a preacher to preach thirty minutes. Let's stay awake and say amen once in a while and see if it doesn't help the preacher.

Help the Sunday School teacher. Help him by praying for him, studying your lesson and being in the class every Sunday. Help the superintendent by cooperating with him. Let's help God's cause in every way possible.

Husbands, help your wives. Help them with the children. When Sunday comes rise about six o'clock and give the children a bath. Help dress them if needs be. Help in any way needed then you can be at Sunday School by nine-thirty and your wife will not be given out. That will give her a chance to enjoy the service. Help her with the children while in church. Have you ever seen a man just sing and shout while his poor wife lugged out and in with a great big child in one arm and led and pulled another one in order to keep them quiet? Eph. 5:28 says, He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Let's help our wives more.

Wives, help your husbands. Help him by being good to him. Have his meals ready, be obedient to him (in the Lord). Fix his clothes so he will look well before the public. Help take care of things. Work together in unity for God's cause.

Parents, help your children by training them for the Lord. Be kind and good to them and at the same time be boss. Make them mind you. If you will use kindness when needed and the rod the same way, it will be a big help to them when they get grown. I often wonder if Jesus were to come now and our children or some of them were left to go thru the tribulation period, would they have enough of God's Word in them or good training to stand the test and come out victoriously. Parents, help your children.

We have not used much Scripture in this but we believe it will line up with the Bible. Dear saints, let's look around and see how much we can help the cause of God.

Many Souls Are Healed At Garrison, W. Va.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Garrison. Truly the Lord has been in our midst. To Him be all the glory. Forty-seven claimed to be saved, some sanctified and twenty-six received the Holy Ghost. Twenty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism and thirty-one were added to the church with more to come in later. The Lord was in our midst with mighty healing power. Many were healed of various afflictions. Some claimed to be healed of T. B., others of deafness, leakage of the heart and many other diseases. Brother Coolie, a man past seventy years of age, was gloriously saved and healed. He had been in a hospital at Charleston and two doctors had said he would never be able to walk again without the aid of a crutch. He was brought to the church in a car, to be prayed for. Prayer was offered for him and Jesus wonderfully healed him. He left his crutch at the church and has been walking without the aid of a crutch ever since. Praise and glory be to the one who saves and heals us. That is just like Jesus.

The pastor, deacon and all the saints helped in the meeting in a wonderful way. There was love and unity thru-out the meeting. The people there helped us financially and stood by us in every way. We do feel thankful to Brother and Sister Spencer for the warm welcome we felt in their home. We also enjoyed ourselves in the other

She has the young people on her heart and is a real organizer. We were glad also to have Sister Vivian Haworth with us. She came along with Sister Harrison and was a great inspiration to the young people.

We are expecting some great things of the young people of Tennessee this year. There is plenty of room for improvement and by the grace of God we expect to take advantage of every opportunity to help them.—E. M. Ellis.

Mission Department

Material for this Department should be mailed to E. L. Simmons,
Mission Secretary, Christopher, Ill.

4th SUNDAY IN MAY MISSION RALLY DAY

In harmony with an act of the 24th Annual Assembly, the Mission Board urges that each local church observe the 4th Sunday in May as a special Rally Day for missions. Churches in Bahama and Jamaica are requested to observe the same in special prayer.

E. L. Simmons, Mission Secretary.

The Missionary Board of the Church of God met in Cleveland, Tenn. April 9, 1930. Each of the five members were present at the appointed hour for the meeting to open, and showed that they were deeply interested in the missionary work of the Church. It seemed that each one took on a great amount of zeal for this important work and we believe the meeting will prove beneficial to the Church in the great missionary cause.

Brother E. L. Simmons, Secretary of the Board, presented a number of appeals for help in the Bahama Islands, and an appropriation was made for that work. The Board regretted very much that it was unable to appropriate all that it had been asked for, but because of the limited amount of money received for this cause it could not do so. Surely if the Church as a whole could have heard those pathetic appeals there would soon be money enough in the mission fund to promote all of our missionary work. Let all the State Overseers push the mission work in their respective states and see that each local church sends their pro rata of mission money to the General Assembly each month as outlined by the General Assembly. This will prove a great blessing to the local churches and make it possible for the Board to help the needy places on the field.—J. P. Hughes.

Spanish Hungering For More

ALAMO, Texas.—This finds me with God's good Holy Ghost abiding. I am glad I am in the Church of God. I want to be a worthy member. We are in the Rio Grande Valley with the victory. Altho' we've had a hard time, it seems, this winter, the love of God's good sunshine is shining in our souls. We see the need of drawing closer to God as there is a great work for the Church of God folks in the Valley. My! the One-God folks thought they would get us. When they found out that we were rooted and grounded, determined to live and preach the Church of God they said we would go down if we didn't come their way and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus only. But thank God the Church of God is going up.

The Lord blessed in our cottage meeting the other night. The power of God fell in a mighty way. Yes; something happened. Sinners came home, a backslider. How we thank God that He is married to the backslider.

The Spanish people are hungry for more of the Church of God doctrine. They say they want to become members of the church. Pray for us that we will lift up a standard for the people.

Brother Lon Pearson and family, Sister Pernie Bradleys, Brother A. K. Peel and family, also Brother E. M. Smith are here close. Brother W. N. Ball and family are here. We are looking for my brother and family, J. I. Ball, and Brother Yancey from Rochester so you see there will be enough to possess the land if we'll only stand true. Pray for us.

I want to tell about God healing my husband. He took sick one night. He had something like a chill. He was real sick three or four days with a high fever. We held on to God's unchanging hand. The other saints came and prayed for him. Two Spanish brothers came and prayed several times. God wonderfully healed him for which we are giving Him the praise. It pays to trust God at all times. I have trusted Him for the last nine years and He has never failed me in the time of need. Indeed, He'll stick closer than a brother. Pray for us and the Valley that God's Word will take

homes we visited. Please pray for our continued success for the glory of Jesus.—Yours in the Master's service, Evangelist John E. Douglas, 518 29th St., Huntington, W. Va.

God Still Answers Prayer

STROUD, Okla.—The church at Stroud is in fine shape considering the bumps it has had. We surely have the best people in the world for open hearts. The Lord is blessing us here. We are getting some good members.

Our state overseer came up and stayed a week. He surely is on fire for God and the church. A pentecostal preacher and wife came into the church. The overseer baptized twenty in water, the fruits of the labor of Sisters Alice Ensinger and Goldie Frunz. They are as good as any I ever saw in revival work. If each church would get them for a meeting you would never regret it. Pray for these sisters.

The State Overseer and I went to Tulsa and found a man there who was hungry for the Church of God. He had gone to work and did not intend to come home until night. We got on our faces and asked God to send him home. In an hour he was there. He told his wife he did not know what made him come home. God still answers prayer.

If any of the saints in the state do not like Brother Vaughn, it is time to repent for you have an overseer who will stand by you. All the churches ought to take an offering for him each month and send it to him so he can go and not be tied up.

Pray for us at this place. I would like to be preaching when Jesus comes.—J. H. Brooks, 419 W. 4th Street.

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God Confirmed His Word

AKRON, Ohio.—I feel impressed to make a brief report thru the Evangel of what God has done and what He is still doing in Akron. On Sunday night we closed a three weeks' meeting which was very successful. I am glad to report six saved, ten sanctified, fourteen baptized in water, nine fellowshipped into the church.

Last night was our regular prayer meeting night. After service was over the power was on one of our new brothers. The saints gathered around him and prayed with him. He was baptized with the Holy Ghost. We were made to rejoice because God had confirmed His Word. Now this is surely something to praise the Lord for and the saints here are not slack in giving God the glory.

The evangelist in this revival was none other than our own beloved pastor, Brother D. G. Phillips. He labored hard in giving out the messages and also during altar services. We love our pastor very dearly and pray God's blessings upon him that he will be a real shepherd to his flock. We desire the prayers of all who read this report.—B. F. Shoop.

Carrying The Gospel To The Spanish People

ORLANDO, Fla.—We are thanking and praising God for His goodness to us. We have just spent four years in Costa Rica, C. A., and have returned with a greater zeal to plant the Church of God in that country. We are glad we have become acquainted with the people who make up the Church, and a deeper desire seems to cover us to see Her spread Her wings of love and kindness to a people who do not know the love of our blessed Saviour and His Church.

We are praying for the blessed Lord to speed the time when we will be able to sound out the full old time gospel to a lost nation of Spanish speaking people. Wife has a book ready for the press; she wishes to publish it in English and Spanish. We are asking the people of God to pray that the Lord may meet this need, as our Spanish brothers are in need of good Spanish gospel literature.

When we return we will be the only people preaching the four square gospel in the entire country. Dear people, let us obey the great command of our blessed Lord—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

We are asking the people to pray for this new field, also that the Lord may have His way with us. Our desire is to meet many of the Church of God people and get better acquainted. We are strange to a number of the people as we have been united with the Church of God only a short time. We are thankful to say we are well pleased with our NEW HOME. Praise God! — Yours for lost souls, Robert D. Weagraff and family.

GET READY

The Church of God is growing. It's getting better too. Because of her decisions To join the faithful few.

To be in that number When Jesus comes in power, You must be pure and holy And your vessel filled that hour.

Oil within your vessel Everything made right, Ready every minute To take that heavenly flight.

Make your restitutions, Brother, it will pay, When you stand before Him On the judgment day.

If you've wronged a brother Make it right just now, If you do not understand God's Word will teach you how.

Now looking unto Jesus His soon coming to expect, To catch away His jewels His sanctified elect. —B. F. Shoop. Akron, Ohio.

OBEDIENCE

Mrs. Jane Rogers, Mine La Motte, Mo. To obey is better than sacrifice. "And the children of Israel did according to ALL that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they." Exod. 39:32.

No wonder they could conquer any nation that they came in contact with. They obeyed their leader. They had a high priest who had been sanctified and set apart for the Master's service, to offer up their sacrifices and their offerings before the Lord, and He was pleased with them. Consequently He gave them victory in every trial with the enemy. And when the Church of God as a whole gets to where she is willing to obey ALL that the Lord commands her to do then she will shine forth as the sun. The children of Israel didn't back down at any of the commandments the Lord gave them, but they obeyed all, the Scripture says. Now we have a high priest who is sanctified and bears the title of "Holiness unto the Lord," as Aaron did, for our leader. Jesus now stands in the presence of God and offers up sacrifices for us. He is a captain who has never lost a battle and when we get willing to obey all the Lord commands us to do we too can conquer any foe we come in contact with. But just as long as we draw back at the teachings that are laid down in God's Bible just that long will we be a weakling in the presence of our enemies. The Lord said, Ye shall have power.

I imagine if the enemy could have looked inside of that tabernacle and seen all the things the Lord commanded Israel to have relating to the service of God, they would have laughed them to scorn, don't you? When they saw the table and all the vessels, the ark of the testimony, the golden altar, the anointing oil, and when they saw Aaron there with the robe and the ephod and the curious girdle, the nitre, the breast plates, the pomegranates, the bells of pure gold, the bonnets and the crown with "holiness unto the Lord" engraved upon it, don't you suppose all of this would have looked foolish to the outside world? But they had to have them to obey ALL that the Lord commanded Moses. Don't you see, it takes obeying ALL that the Lord commands us to have the victory over the enemy. I want to tell you, when we as God's people so surrender our lives to the Lord and consecrate ourselves to God and obey all the Lord commands us to do, we too can accomplish something for God.

If the Church teaches being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, tithes, offerings, the Lord's Supper, feet washing, divine healing, holy living, separate from the world, loving our enemies, obeying our elders who have the rule over us, loving each other, leaving off tobacco, snuff, dope, divorce, foolish talking, jeering and all other evil things, and she gets to where God wants her she will shine like the noonday sun. But as long as some will hold on to these things it is a hindrance to the Lord's work and souls are perishing on account of the lack of power in the Church. Oh that we would get awakened and see, take a look at ourselves as God sees us and live the thing or get out of the way, and quit being a dead weight, then God will bless. Obedience brings about results. Now I don't mean any one who is not guilty of these things, but I know some of these things are existing or there would be more accomplished for the Lord than there is.

One good thing about it is if any one has been guilty of these things there's a remedy yet. Let's turn to Rev. 2:16 "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth," the Lord told the Church at Pergamos. There is yet a remedy! Oh, beloved, let us search our hearts and make sure lest there spring up a root of bitterness and we be defiled before God at the great judgment when we will all have to stand the test and see of what material we are built, whether our foundation is on the rock or the sand. Search the Scriptures daily for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and

Obituaries

DARTON

On Jan. 2, 1929 the death angel visited the home of C. C. and Eurla Darton and claimed for its victim Geraldine Darton, the only child they had. She was one year and twenty-eight days old. She was sick ten days. Everything was done for her that loving hands could do. She was a little bud here to bloom in heaven. She leaves to mourn her departure, a father, mother, two grandfathers, two grandmothers and a host of relatives and friends. We all loved Geraldine but Jesus loved her best.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Lester and her remains laid to rest in the Wise cemetery. — Mrs. R. C. Darton, her grandmother.

BOWERS

James Earnest Bowers of Lenoir City, Tenn. departed this life March 17 after an illness of seven weeks with rheumatism. All was done for him that human hands could find to do. It pleased God that he must go. He was born in Tennessee June 2, 1892. He was married to Lillie Snider Sept. 3, 1916. Brother Bowers was converted twenty years prior to his death. He was in the holiness way some few years of his last days and lived a life that was noticed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five children and a host of friends to mourn his departure. He will be missed at the Church of God of this city. He was taken to Oak Grove Baptist church where his funeral was preached by the writer and one of his fellow laborers from the shops, a Presbyterian preacher. His body was laid away in the Oak Grove cemetery to await the resurrection morn.— Starling Smith, Pastor, Lenoir City, Tenn.

FIELDS

My darling nephew, Luther Fields, and my niece, Gova Jones, departed from this world happy to go home to Jesus. They were both wonderfully saved and passed from this life praising God. Oh, how wonderful to see our loved ones go that way. Our burdens are so much lighter. Luther went home to Jesus, Nov. 21, 1929 and his sister Gova, Dec. 6, 1929. All who read this pray for all their loved ones to get ready to meet them and little Steve, another nephew who died in 1929. — Your sister in Christ, H. Searls, 513 E. Columbus St., Columbus, Ohio.

KING

Our dear Brother R. M. King departed this life and went home to be with Jesus on the night of March 26. Bro. King was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and was a faithful member of the E. Chattanooga Church of God. He was a devoted husband and father and was loved by all who knew him. We do not weep as those who have no hope but we believe that we will meet Brother King in heaven. He is survived by his wife, four sons, two daughters, a father, three brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held from the East Chattanooga Church of God in charge of the pastor, assisted by Brother J. N. Bull. His body was laid to rest in the Greenwood cemetery to await the great resurrection morn. May the richest blessings of God rest upon the bereaved ones is my prayer. — His pastor, E. M. Ellis.

Watkins

On March 7, 1930 the family relatives and friends of Brother Charlie Watkins were made sad when God in His infinite wisdom saw best to call him to that sweet rest prepared for those that love the Lord. He was sixty-three years and seven months old. Our dear father was added to the Church of God about three and one half years ago, living a clean, humble Christian life until the end.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. Grant Williams and the body laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. He sleeps beneath the soil and yet by faith I see his dear form by heaven's gate where he patiently waits to welcome us home. His daughter-in-law, Ethel Watkins.

PHILLIPS

On March 27, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Dewey Phillips

lead me in the way everlasting. Bless His holy name for ever! There is not a church in the whole world that teaches the Bible as close as the Church of God. She is one that's dearest to my heart. Oh I long to see her branches spread from one side of this old world to the other and every member a loyal worker. She can be that way too if we each one will fill our place with the effectual service for the Master. She's the only one of her mother. She's beautiful when we behold her as God wants her to be. Soon our Bridegroom will come and not tarry. Events are shaping themselves speedily for the Lord's return. Oh be ready, be watchful, be prayerful. Pray one for the other, and let us hope for that bright and glorious day, that beautiful cloudless morning. Lord Jesus, come quickly, our Bridegroom and Saviour.

and called away His darling wife, age twenty-eight years, two months, and eighteen days. She was saved in the Methodist church and later she saw light on holiness and was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, two children, mother, four brothers, five sisters, and many friends. We were sorry to give her up but Jesus knew best. We do not weep as those who have no hope. She will be missed in church and especially at home but let us all live faithfully so we can meet her where parting will never come. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Willie Hudelson. — One who dearly loved her, Millie Herd, Silver point, Tenn.

VITATOE

The death angel called for Christopher Columbus Vitatoe March 5, 1930, age forty-nine years. While at his work he fell under a freight car and only lived a short time. Brother Vitatoe was a loyal member of the Church of God and lived a true Christian at all times. He was honored and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five children and many friends to mourn his death. The funeral services were conducted by Brother F. D. Davis and his pastor, A. L. Jenkins, and his body was laid to rest in Haleys Grove cemetery to await the resurrection. — A brother, W. M. McBride

MCGINNIS

On the 11th of March 1930 at 12:15 p. m. Sister Reva McGinnis of Artie, W. Va. was visited by the death angel in Huntington, W. Va. at the state hospital. She had been seriously ill for only about two weeks with abscess of the brain. She had seemed more interested in the Lord's work for about two or three months before she was taken sick than ever before. She expressed herself several times while ill as being perfectly yielded to her Lord's will whatever that might be. When asked only a very short time before her death how she was, she replied, "I'm all right." These were her last words to her husband.

We part forever, did you say? Oh, No! but for a little while, Then we will meet her in the better land.

In the land of lovely smiles. We will meet her, I say, if we do the commands

That the Lord has given us here, If we walk in the steps of the Lowly One.

And cast on Him every care.

We cannot call her back to us But we can to her go; Oh some sweet day not far away We'll strike glad hands on that shore.

We must not, will not wish her back To this land of sorrow and care When all over yonder is fair and bright And she is happy there.

How sweet it will be when we get home Get home to that beautiful land We'll sing around the great white throne

With the happy ransomed band. — Ethel Lewis.

SWINFORD

Mr. Thomas Swinford died at the home of his uncle, Lee Swinford, on the morning of March 30, 1930, age nineteen years, eleven months, and eleven days. He was a sufferer of T. B. but was patient until the end. He called for prayer. He said there was nothing between him and heaven. We hope to meet him again where partings come no more. We miss him but God knows best. The funeral service was conducted by a Baptist minister, Brother Brown, and the body was laid to rest at the Brick church cemetery. — One who loved him, his aunt, Mrs. F. F. Swinford.

FEWELL

God called to join His Heavenly host Dorothy, the little daughter of Brother and Sister O. K. Fewell, San Angelo, Texas. Little Dorothy was a tiny flower and God wanted her. She was only ten months and four days of age. Her exceptional brightness carried her to the hearts of those who knew her as being older. Infantile paralysis caused her death. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. When we think of the purity and tenderness of little Dorothy surely her death was precious in the sight of God. All was done for her that loving hands could do. Prayers went up to God's throne but He took her for Himself. The writer conducted the funeral in the home. The body was laid to rest in the Fairmost cemetery to await that glorious resurrection morning.—Homer Smith, 516 Rust St., San Angelo, Tex.

SHELTON

On March 29, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Sister Shelton and called her husband, Brother John Shelton. He leaves to mourn a wife

The Way of Holiness Is Right

LONGVIEW, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, I am praising God to-day for salvation and for real victory in my soul. I am so glad that I am saved from my sins, sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and baptized with the dear Holy Ghost, something that makes us sing, dance and about the praises of God all the time. No matter where we may go or whom we are with Jesus always speaks for Himself. I'm glad that this salvation was revealed to me before it was too late. I was a sinner going down the broad way to destruction and all at once I was almost struck blind. Husband and I both worried over my condition and began trying first one eye specialist and then another, trying to get something in the medicine aid that would restore my eyesight, but we failed to find it. We tried five doctors and none of them did me any good but they were killing me with the strong medicine they were giving, me and every time I would go to them they would discourage me so until I would cry. They would tell me I would go stone blind. I was then so blind I could hardly see anything. I couldn't tell who any one was unless I was right up at them. Sometimes I could tell them by their voices. Jesus spoke to me one day about my eyes and I got reconciled about them. I said, Well if it is God's will I will see again and if not I will be blind the rest of my days. I began going to the holiness meetings and having the saints to pray for my eyes so they began getting better right away. I began seeking for what God had in store for me and to day I can see how to read a little. It pays to trust God.

It wasn't long after I began seeking for salvation until I had the full blessing. Praise God! I am so glad that this true light was revealed to me before it was too late. I want my daily walk and talk to be my testimony while here in this world. This big world is only a dressing room to get ready for the coming of Jesus for He is surely coming back to this earth again to take away the ones who stand true and endure to the end.

I want to be in the number when the saints go marching in. I am glad that I am one of the despised few for 1 Pet. 2:9 says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I am glad I am now living in His true light for we know that we must do His will at all times if we ever enter the pearly gates. Heb. 12:14 tells us, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." We must do what God wants us to do regardless of the cost. He says that He will not let us be tempted above that which we are able to bear. He is

and five children. He had been in bad health for some time but he bore his suffering with patience. Many times during his sickness he would call for prayer. He was a member of the Church of God and was a faithful servant. He will be greatly missed at Sunday School. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know he has gone to rest. The funeral was conducted by Brother Charlie McGowan and his body was laid to rest in the Sylar cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. Two who knew the family, Bessie Cross and Josie Robinson, Coltwah, Tenn.

MINNICK

The death angel visited the home of C. M. and Radiant B. Minnick on April 2, 1930, and took their little baby boy, but we weep not as those who have no hope for we know he has gone to be with Jesus and will not have to suffer and die any more. By the grace of God we may be with him again. He leaves to mourn a mother, father, and three little sisters, and many relatives. Mrs. R. H. Vaught, Lego, W. Va.

The Holy Ghost Came Down

PINEVIEW, Ga.—On Feb. 15th we completed a tabernacle here 36 x 50 feet, after a month's hard labor and prayer, having only a few saints to help, but we held on to God and He blessed from the very beginning. When the building was completed we opened fire on the enemy, the writer doing the preaching. God sent our State Overseer, Brother T. L. McLain, to us and he brought forth the true Word of God rightly divided. After being with us four days he called the church in the altar and the building was dedicated to God with each of us reconsecrating our lives to His service. The Holy Ghost came down. We had shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Fire was handled and the sick healed. After running the meeting four weeks we decided to discontinue the services on account of the writer's health. One was reclaimed and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Two were added to the church and others are beginning to look this way. We expect to see the glory of God made manifest more and more in the near future. Praise His dear name. On Wednesday night following the close of our revival, at our weekly prayer meeting, the writer's body was healed and power given to heal the sick and cast out demons. Three were healed of high blood pressure, the writer being one of the three. Also three demons were cast out of one sister. Praise the Lord the signs are following the believers and we are glad that we are among the believers. We know God has all power and we want Him to have His own precious way in our lives and in our church. We want you dear saints to pray for us down here, that we will stay humble at the feet of Jesus and let His will be worked out in us. Brother McLain, our church and our homes are thrown wide to you and wife. We want you to come again. Pray for us.—A brother in Christ, W. Cobb Dennard, pastor.

Four Came Into The Church

We have closed a four weeks' revival at LaFollette, Tenn. The Lord blest wonderfully. Thirty-five were saved and reclaimed, one sanctified, three baptized in water, four came into the church. Brother Robert M. Hicks did the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed him in giving out the Word. I feel the church is revived. The saints are encouraged. There was more love and fellowship in the church than I have seen in LaFollette. Baptismal service was conducted by Brother Baxter Bryant. — Mrs. L. E. Jones clerk.

merciful to us.

We have had some wonderful preaching by Brother Grady May of Longview, Miss. and Brother G. D. Jones of Red Bay, Ala. God surely has blessed our little church, Mrs. Hill, near Brainerd, Miss. We, the saints of Mrs. Hill, think Brother Grady May a real man of God. When God began to bless, the devil began to work but there are a few saints here who are living the life in spite of the devil and all his angels. We are having prayer meeting twice a week. Prayer is real food to the soul. It is so helpful for the saints to assemble themselves together and pray and talk of God's plan because we know that God has a plan for all if we will only accept it. I'm young in the way and ask all who pray to pray for me and for the church that it may grow stronger. Help me to pray for my unsaved husband. He is a believer of this way. Pray also for my eyes, that God will give me a clear eyesight. — A sister in Christ, Mrs. Leetha Hudspeth.

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